

TWO JAPANESE GENERALS TAKEN PRISONERS

Arrested While Trying to Blow Up a Bridge—Alexieff Has Assumed Command on the Sebastopol—Rumor Denied that Sebastopol is Lost—Russians in Force at Yalu River.

St. Petersburg, April 16 (2:20 p. m.)—One of the highest authorities at the admiralty makes the following statement to the Associated Press:

"You can deny with absolute assurance the reports that the enemy was in any way responsible for the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. Admiral Makaroff never left the harbor without dragging for mines. We believe the Petropavlovsk's boilers blew up. They were of the old Scotch type. We also consider it quite likely that an unexploded Whitehead torpedo caused the Pobieda's injury, as the explosion occurred just at her water line."

Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's appointment to command the naval forces at Port Arthur has been received with great satisfaction by both the navy and the public.

The Novosti, reviewing the naval situation, argues that there is no cause for despair, the ships left at Port Arthur and Vladivostok still constituting what Captain Mahan calls "a fleet in being," which leaves the Japanese not free to act. The first two brigades of the line, Siberian rifle brigades, have been ordered to be converted into nine divisions, increasing their numerical strength to about 100,000 men.

The Russ prints a sensational telegram from Moscow saying its correspondent has noticed during the last three days that the Chinese are hurriedly leaving that city, owing, it is said, to orders received from China. The report is ridiculed at the Chinese legation here, where it is said that the relations between China and Russia are good.

Tokio, April 16 (Noon).—Private advices from Korea confirm the reported massing of 20,000 Russian troops on the right bank of the Yalu river, with the object of opposing the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. Although it is unknown when and where the Japanese will attempt a crossing of the Yalu, it is still believed that when ready they will force a passage without serious loss.

Tokio, 9:30 p. m., April 16.—Admiral Togo reports in the attack on the Japanese sunk at midnight and at 8 o'clock in the morning two of the Russian ships 15 miles from port. The Petropavlovsk struck a Japanese mine and was sunk.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—Viceroy Alexieff took over the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and raised his flag on board the battleship Sebastopol.

St. Petersburg, April 16, 7:02 p. m.—A report has gained wide currency here that the Russian battleship, Sebastopol, at Port Arthur, has been lost, but at this hour the Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the government has received no advices intimating that such a disaster has occurred. On the contrary the latest account received here was to the effect that the Sebastopol was unharmed.

Harbin, Manchuria, April 16.—Two Japanese officers of the general staff have arrived here, under strict escort, having been arrested by the railroad guard eighteen miles from this place. They were dressed as Tibetan lamas. In attempting to escape they forsook their tents, in which were found sixty pounds of high explosives, a fuse, a number of wrenches, etc. They evidently intended to blow up the bridge over the Nonni river near Fuliard. The prisoners displayed great coolness, confessing that it was their intention to destroy the railroad.

Seoul, Korea, Friday, April 15 (8 p. m.).—The emperor received in audience this evening the members of the diplomatic corps. The emperor had apparently recovered from the shock caused by the burning of the palace, and was calm, making inquiries as to the health of the ladies of the legations, etc. His intimates report that he is still nervous, however. Many Koreans believe that the burning of the palace has a political significance, in that it will force the emperor to return to the Kyongbok palace, in the outskirts of the city, where the queen was assassinated in 1895, and from which the emperor fled to the Russian legation. The emperor, however, refuses to return, claiming that the palace is haunted by the murdered queen. He prefers to remain in the Imperial library, in the Kinseduk building, where he took refuge during the fire, until the palace is rebuilt. The electric plant, which was totally destroyed, together with the thousands of dollars worth of instruments and machinery, will be replaced. The house of smoking ruins are being guarded by a cordon of vigilant soldiers stationed one foot and a half apart, around the palace walls. The superstitious populace is excited and depressed over the fire, regarding it as an evil portent. The fire furnished a wonderful spectacle. The steep mountains about the city were lighted up as though it were day, and hurrying crowds of frantic Koreans and Japanese troops arrived on the scene in double quick time. There was extreme fear for the American legation for a time. American marines formed a bucket brigade and United States Minister Allen took extreme precautions to prevent the flames from reaching the legation.

All the Korean government records and accounts were lost, together with much treasure. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000.

SUICIDE BEFORE CAPTURE

Man Believed to Be an Escaped Convict Shoots Himself.

Hanford, Calif., April 16.—A man who, the officers believe, from descriptions, to be Ray Fahey, who escaped from Folsom during the recent prison break, has been shot in the legs while resisting arrest near here and rather than be captured alive, shot himself in the head and died within an hour. The escape in which Fahey figured was one of the most sensational in the history of this state. Fourteen convicts got away by killing one of the guards and taking the warden of the prison along as a shield. The militia was called out and for several weeks the hunt was on. Two million men were killed. One convict committed suicide and four were subsequently captured.

STATE ARBOR DAY.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 16.—One of the most dramatic and most unexpected events of the closing hours of the legislative session occurred in the senate committee on judiciary immediately after adjournment, when Senators John Raines and Edgar Truman Brackett "buried the hatchet," became reconciled and clasped hands in friendship for the first time in years. The bitterness between these men has been very great, beginning four years ago over Senator Brackett's plan to have the railroad commission increased and to have former Sheriff Worden of Saratoga made a commissioner.

Steamer Colon's Back Broken. SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—It is deemed improbable that the Pacific Mail liner Colon will ever leave the beach near Acapulco, on which she was driven to sea, from foundering. The Pacific Mail company has received word that the vessel's back was broken. Under some circumstances there might be a chance for a vessel so injured, but far away as the Colon is from proper wrecking facilities the chances are nearly all against her ever being floated.

Bones of Obedi Parlow Exhumed. OSWEGO, N. Y., April 16.—Workmen who are rebuilding Fort Ontario have exhumed the bones and tombstone of Obedi Parlow, an Indian chief who died Oct. 24, 1876, aged eighty-three years. They will be sent to the Buffalo Historical society.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations. Money on call easy at 1 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent. Exchange, \$183,906.88; balances, \$13,849,816.

Closing prices: Amal. Copper, 49 1/2; N. Y. Central, 117 1/2; Atchafson, 78 1/2; Norf. & West., 58 1/2; U. S. Steel, 12 1/2; Penn. R., 10 1/2; B. & O., 45 1/2; Rock Island, 23 1/2; Ches. & Ohio, 33 1/2; St. Paul, 144 1/2; D. & H., 154 1/2; Southern Pac., 49 1/2; Erie, 27 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; Ill. Central, 130 1/2; Sugar, 13 1/2; Louis. & Nash., 108 1/2; Texas Pacific, 24 1/2; Manhattan, 142 1/2; Union Pacific, 86 1/2; Metropolitan, 12 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; Missouri Pac., 23 1/2; U. S. Steel pfd., 60 1/2.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

FLOUR—Quiet, but firm; Minnesota patents, \$3.25; 40 lb. winter, \$3.25; 40 lb. spring, \$3.25; 40 lb. winter, \$3.25; 40 lb. spring, \$3.25. WHEAT—Opened steady on cables, the unreasonable weather west and fears of crop failure in the east, but showed firmness on covering and with the west, but this was followed by slight easing off under realizing. May, \$2.00; July, \$2.00. CORN—Steady; No. 2 western, 90c. to arrive prompt. WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, \$2.30; foreign, \$2.30; domestic, \$2.30; foreign, \$2.30. HOPS—Quiet, state, common to choice, 1903, \$1.25; 1904, \$1.25; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; Pacific coast, 1903, \$2.30; 1904, \$2.30; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2. BUTTER—Firm; extra fresh cream, 22c.; creamery, common to choice, 14c. to 15c. EGGS—Quiet, state, full cream, small, colored, fancy, September, 11c.; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2. EGGS—Steady, state and Pennsylvania, nearby, average finest, 15c.; state and Pennsylvania, average, 14c.; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2. EGGS—Steady, state and Pennsylvania, nearby, average finest, 15c.; state and Pennsylvania, average, 14c.; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2. EGGS—Steady, state and Pennsylvania, nearby, average finest, 15c.; state and Pennsylvania, average, 14c.; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2; U. S. Steel, 11 1/2.

Live Stock Markets.

CATTLE—Supply light; market steady; choice, \$3.25; 40 lb. winter, \$3.25; 40 lb. spring, \$3.25; 40 lb. winter, \$3.25; 40 lb. spring, \$3.25. HOGS—Receipts, 10 double ducats; market slow; prime heavy, \$5.50; medium, \$5.25; heavy Yorkers, \$5.00; pigs, \$4.50; roughs, \$3.50. SHEEP—AND LAMBS—Supply light; market active; prime wethers, \$4.50; common sheep, \$2.50; choice lambs, \$5.00.

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PROPERTY SEIZED

Creditors Attach Goods of John Marks, the Alleged Missing Murderer.

Colchester, April 16.—Attachments were placed to-day on farming tools, stock and other property of John Marks on whose farm the dismembered body of his farmhand, Joseph Pavell, was found last week. The attachments are in favor of local creditors, to cover bills for goods furnished. The search for Marks in this neighborhood was continued to-day under the direction of Sheriff Jackson who still clings to the belief that the man is in hiding hereabouts, and that the man whom Selectman Henry Austin of Marlborough drove from Marlborough to East Hartford last Sunday was not Marks.

The Marx farm is now occupied only by a keeper, Mrs. Marx and her five children having been removed to another place. This removal was by order of Coroner Brown, who has had the woman under surveillance as a witness since the tragedy was discovered. The reason given for her removal is to provide her and her children with more comfortable quarters than the Marx farm affords. The family are now being cared for by the selectmen of the town, but the authorities do not say just where they have been taken.

STATE ARBOR DAY.

Governor Chamberlain Issues the Annual Proclamation.

Hartford, April 16.—Governor Chamberlain to-day issued a proclamation naming Friday, May 6 as Arbor and Bird Day. The proclamation is as follows:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. By His Excellency, ABIRAM CHAMBERLAIN, Governor, a proclamation.

The statute law of Connecticut, which requires the Chief Executive to appoint one day in each year for the study of trees and birds, one which must commend itself to every lover of nature, and I am pleased to name Friday, May 6 as Arbor and Bird Day. At this season we are forcibly reminded of the wisdom of this measure and I request the people of this state on that day, to give the matter special attention. I would ask parents and teachers to impress upon children the desirability of planting and protecting trees and shrubs, and urge them to shield both our domestic and wild birds from harm.

Given under my hand and seal of the state, at the capital in Hartford, this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and four, and the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

ABIRAM CHAMBERLAIN, By His Excellency's Command, Chas. G. R. VINAL, Secretary.

CHURCH DYNAMITED.

Women and Children Crushed in the Mad Race to Escape.

Evansville, Ind., April 16.—While services were being held in the Evening Light church and the auditorium was filled with an immense congregation, some person or persons dynamited the sacred edifice. No one was killed by the explosion, but a terrible panic followed the report. Women and children were crushed in the mad rush for the doors. No persons were killed, but several were badly injured. The front end of the church was blown out by the explosion.

LOCKS HER CREDITOR UP

The Costly Trick of an Impecunious French Countess.

When it comes to dealing with importunate creditors there is a woman in this city, says a Paris report, a certain countess, who is none too prompt in making settlement of her bills who can give points to others who want to dodge their creditors.

"Madam la comtesse," it happened, was giving one of the receptions for which she is famous. Her drawing-room was filled with distinguished guests. Just at the height of the festivities a maid held a whispered conference with her ladyship. She was told that a woman was posted out in the hall and would not leave until she had been paid. She was a gownmaker and she wanted her money without further delay. The insistent creditor grew irate and raised her voice to such a high pitch that the countess feared her guests might hear what was going on. Being a woman of wit and having well-developed muscles, she seized the collector, pushed her into a small closet and locked her up.

There the collector was kept for more than an hour. By that time the guests had all taken their departure. But the countess set her prisoner free the moment she met her ladyship. She also demanded damages and in court she was awarded a verdict of \$20 for the injury done to her feelings. The court also gave the gownmaker judgment for the entire amount of her bill.

SARGENT'S SON DEAD.

Boston, April 16.—Russell Sargent, a prominent manufacturer of New Haven, died to-day at the residence of his father-in-law after a week's illness with cerebro-meningitis.

THREE ANARCHISTS ARRESTED.

Marseilles, April 16.—Michael Giovanni and two other Italians have been arrested here in connection with a supposed plot to kill President Loubet during his coming visit to Italy.

MANIAC'S RASH ACT

Crazed by Injuries Brooklyn Man Tries to End His Life—Used an Ordinary Kitchen Knife.

Anthony Prapulenes, aged 25 years, who lives at 603 North Riverside street, attempted to commit suicide shortly after 12 o'clock last night while suffering temporarily from insanity. Although his efforts were partly frustrated by his wife, he so badly cut his throat and gashed his neck with an ordinary kitchen knife that his condition is critical and it is only a question of a few hours before his death will occur.

Prapulenes has worked at various times for Frank Miller & Co, John Byron and other coal dealers up to about three weeks ago. Since that time he has been drinking rather heavily and on one occasion he was badly injured in a fight. It is thought that his skull was fractured. Since he received his injury about two weeks ago he has been acting strangely and queerly and his mind has been unbalanced. His actions alarmed his wife and friends, but they were unable, apparently, to do anything for him. They thought that his mind would become all right again after a short time, but instead his condition grew gradually worse and the actions of a wilder and more dangerous nature.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon he paid a visit to the police station and asked Captain Rannon to arrest him. His request was granted. He remained in a cell until about 9 o'clock last night, when his wife and a friend came and took him home. At that time he appeared to be in a fairly good condition. Captain Rannon advised the woman, however, to take her husband to a doctor as soon as possible and to find out what was the trouble with him. She promised to do so.

They went home and nothing unusual occurred until about 12:15 last night. At that time Prapulenes was sitting in the kitchen and his wife and three friends were watching him. Suddenly he stood up and dashed into the pantry, seized a knife and began to saw at his throat. When the men saw this act of the half insane man, it is said that every one of them acted as cowards, and ran away, leaving the woman alone to struggle with her crazy husband. She grappled with him until her cries for help attracted Patrolmen Dumphrey and Gabriel, who soon placed the unfortunate man under their power. While medical aid was being summoned Prapulenes tried to insert his fingers into the gashes in his neck and to tear them further apart. Drs. Crane and De Liguor, who arrived as soon as possible, found that Prapulenes's windpipe was entirely severed. His throat was so seriously gashed that the doctors gave no hope of recovery. He was removed in Laury's ambulance to the hospital, where it was announced to-day that his condition was critical. His death may occur at any hour.

AXLES AS WHISKEY KEGS

One Method of Peddling Liquor in the Indian Territory.

An entirely new scheme of whisky peddling has just been discovered in the Indian Territory, says the Topeka Capital, and it seems to have been going on for months. The peddlers of the scheme, who are known as the "whisky peddlers," have been selling to various parties, but not until recently were the peddlers caught. They had traveled around the country in an old wagon drawn by a poor span of Indian ponies and were, presumably, buying eggs and poultry. They would sell small bottles of liquor to farmers and Indians through the neighborhood and one dollar a pint was the usual price. The officers discovered that both axes of the old wagon were of iron and very large. These axes were hollow and would hold about four gallons each. The peddlers would remove a small bolt and insert a pump and draw the desired amount of whisky. One of the peddlers admits having sold whisky in this way for five months, and has made enough money to buy a farm in Texas. He says he will serve his time in jail and then buy a farm.

WOMAN GUILTY OF MURDER.

Philadelphia, April 16.—Mrs. Catharine Danz, was to-day convicted of the murder of her husband, William G. Danz, in the first degree. The Commonwealth alleged that Mrs. Danz poisoned her husband by drugs obtained from George Hossey, a negro herb doctor, who has also been convicted of Danz's murder and is awaiting execution.

TILDEN'S FRIEND DEAD.

New York, April 16.—Henry Hobart Porter, commissioner of charities and correction, died at 1896, at his home on Long Island. He was a close friend of Samuel J. Tilden and up to the time of his retirement took an active part in democratic politics. He was born at Bellows Falls, Vt., in 1829.

LOUBET RECEIVES LOW.

Paris, April 16.—President Loubet to-day received ex-Mayor Seth Low of New York, who was presented by Ambassador Porter. There was an agreeable exchange of amenities and an informal talk of American affairs. The president expressed his regret at the accident on board the United States battleship Missouri.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Connecticut: Fair to-night and Sunday; continued cold; brisk to high north to west winds.

A LEGAL UNION.

Lawyers Talking of Forming Social Association.

The lawyers within the jurisdiction of the district court will have a fully organized union next Saturday. Further steps in that direction were taken at a meeting of the bar in the district court this morning and incidentally there was a great deal of fun. Mr. O'Neill held down the ruling chair. He said there ought to be an association of the bar more for social purposes than anything else. Attorney Guilfoile asked if it was to stand for Hearsay or Parker, and Mr. O'Neill said it would stand for every democrat on the ticket. Saturday afternoon, following similar associations in other places are conducted, he said that Bridgeport seems to have the best ideas. There the lawyers hold an annual banquet, at which reminiscences are told. One of the officers is bar historian, who takes down of all incidents worth telling or recording and at the banquet at the end of the year these little affairs are told and there is a great deal of fun and merriment. He thought a committee ought to be appointed to make the nominations for officers next Saturday, and having already assumed the duties of chairman, he was empowered to appoint the committee. The following were chosen: Judge F. M. Peaseley and Attorneys Carmody, Guilfoile and Minor.

At this juncture Attorney Minor set fire to the carpet and there was more commotion for a while than would occur in ten years at any other kind of a gathering except a republican harmony meeting. Things were getting quite warm when Attorney Lauber jumped over a chair and alighted on the fire, extinguishing it.

Judge Cowell said he understood it was always the duty of the committee on organization to furnish the first banquet, and this seemed to be the sense of the gathering, and also that Judge Cowell should furnish the wine. The judge voted against this proposition and Mr. O'Neill said he recalled a shag dinner he had with some members of the bar some years ago at the mouth of the Housatonic river. At that time Clerk Root and Messenger Gillette were not fishermen and there was considerable more shad in the Housatonic than there is now. A fellow with a pack of cards was at the dinner and he won all the fish in the river, and because he was a poor lawyer he got pulled in, not into the river, but to quod, for trying to catch what he had fairly won.

To give the committee an idea of the kind of a dinner that would about fill the bill, Mr. O'Neill told a story. He said that some time ago the "civic authorities," the board of registration and the selectmen, used to give an annual dinner at the time of making voters. There used to be wine galore, but one time some cranky fellow kicked against the public supplying the wine, and at the next civic dinner the diners had to bring their own liquor. The consequence was there was more wine than there was mince pie. One man ate too much pie, a whole mince pie, and he never got over it. There were no convulsions these days, but it was generally suspected the man died of too much pie, notwithstanding that he escaped an autopsy.

"But those were the days we got justice," said Mr. O'Neill. All the lawyers burst into uproarious laughter, and Mr. O'Neill, turning around to see the effect of it, saw Judge Cowell smiling at him, and said he would have to continue his story to next week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

National Secretary Colwell Makes a Telling Speech.

(Special to Democrat.)

Washington, April 16.—Daniel Colwell of New Haven, the national secretary of the Knights of Columbus, made an interesting speech at the smoker of the Knights held at Rauscher's to wing up the ceremonies attending the meeting in Washington. Mr. Colwell said, in part: "Ours is the richest order in the world to-day, and our membership of 110,191 is a cause for pride. There are more than a million dollars in cash in our treasury and we don't owe anybody a cent. We have just cause for congratulation also in the fact that we have so large a representation of our order in the halls of congress, and I predict and pray that the time will come when the orders of the Catholic church can muster a quorum in the house of representatives."

"We have energy and tenacity of purpose and when that institution on the hill has given history as it ought to have been written, Catholics will be given the place which has been denied to them, sometimes maliciously, for twenty-five years. In our order of the Knights of Columbus our motto has been quality first and then quantity. We are doing a great work. In New Haven we have the finest piece of land in the very heart of Puritanism, and we are going to erect there a building which shall be a landmark." Mr. Colwell's address was greeted with great applause and was the hit of the evening.

Rev. Father McGivney of Milford also spoke of the great work of the organization and urged the members to continue the work.

ASSIST WOMEN WORKERS.

The executive committee of the Connecticut Association of Women Workers met in New Haven to-day to complete arrangements for the coming reunion which will be held in this city at the Friendly league on Thursday, May 19. Miss Martha C. Wells, director, and the superintendent of the Friendly league attended the meeting. The object of this association is "to assist in promoting the interests of Women Workers' clubs by encouraging the formation of new clubs and by bringing the Connecticut clubs into communication for acquaintance and development." It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing what the Friendly league is doing here and of what is being done in sister cities.

VICTORY FOR BRYAN, IS STILL EXECUTOR

Attempt to Remove Him from the Bennett Estate Fails—Judge Cleaveland in the Probate Court of New Haven Renders a Long Opinion Showing Mr. Bryan's Rights in the Case.

New Haven, Conn., April 16.—A decision denying in effect the application for the removal of William J. Bryan as executor of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett, was rendered to-day by Judge L. W. Cleaveland, in the probate court. The application was brought by counsel for Mrs. Grace Imogene Bennett, the widow, and other residuary legatees, on the ground that Mr. Bryan was acting contrary to the interests of the estate. The decision sustains a demurrer filed by Mr. Bryan's counsel and practically denies the application. It is expected that the matter will now go to the superior court on appeal.

The text of Judge Cleaveland's decision is as follows:

This is a demurrer to an application by the residuary legatees for the removal of William J. Bryan as executor of the will of Philo S. Bennett and the revocation of his letters testamentary on the ground that his appeal as an individual and as trustee from the decree of this court refusing to incorporate so called "sealed letter" as a part of the will, is inconsistent with his duties as executor of said will. It is also claimed that by his suit as executor for the construction of the will he is unnecessarily delaying the settlement of the estate.

The record shows that Mr. Bryan has not appealed from the probate of any portion of the will admitted to probate by this court. He merely appeals from a decree excluding what he claims is also a part of the will.

The twelfth clause of the will as established by this court is as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto my wife, Grace Imogene Bennett, the sum of \$50,000, in trust, however, for the purposes set forth in a sealed letter which will be found with this will."

This clause by itself is certainly ambiguous, and Mr. Bryan claims that, in seeking by his appeal to have incorporated into the will the "sealed letter" so far from attacking the will, or assuming a position of hostility to it, is attempting to remove that ambiguity.

The question presented by this demurrer is substantially this: Assuming the possibility that the letter so excluded by this court may be first incorporated into the will as a result of proceedings in the appellate courts, is it so that this could not be accomplished except by defeating Mr. Bennett's express direction in the will that his estate shall be settled by Mr. Bryan? If this court may be first incorporated into the will as a result of proceedings in the appellate courts, is it so that this could not be accomplished except by defeating Mr. Bennett's express direction in the will that his estate shall be settled by Mr. Bryan? If this court may be first incorporated into the will as a result of proceedings in the appellate courts, is it so that this could not be accomplished except by defeating Mr. Bennett's express direction in the will that his estate shall be settled by Mr. Bryan?

There is nothing to indicate that it was Mr. Bryan's duty to resign as executor and thus desert the trust conferred upon him by Mr. Bennett, and it cannot be the law that his duties as executor involve the waiver of his right to have his claim as legatee passed upon by the court of last resort in this case.

The precise question raised by this application has, so far as appears from the cases cited in the briefs of counsel on either side, never been raised, and in the absence of clear authority requiring the removal of an executor under the circumstances of the case, it is the opinion of this court that Mr. Bennett's choice should not thus be defeated.

The statutory grounds for removal of an executor in this state (general statutes, section 371), are incapacity or executing the trust neglect to perform the duties thereof or waste of the estate in his charge.

After careful consideration of the claims of the applicants, this court is of the opinion that the facts alleged in the application do not constitute sufficient ground for Mr. Bryan's removal. The demurrer is sustained and the application dismissed.

MATTOON IN PRISON.

Former State Senator Began His Term To-Day.

Wethersfield, April 16.—B. H. Mattoon, the former treasurer of the Watertown Savings bank, entered the state prison to-day to begin his sentence of from eight to ten years. He was brought here by Sheriff Middlebrook of Litchfield county, who out of personal friendship did not hold him for transportation until next Tuesday, which is commitment day for ordinary criminals.

KAUFFMAN BEING TRIED.

Shelton, April 16.—Henry Kauffman of Waterbury, who was arrested on the charge of arson and held under bonds of \$5,000 on the charge of attempting to set fire to a building in which he conducted a tea store for A. Cohen, also of Waterbury, is being given a hearing before the police court to-day. The afternoon session of the court the state rested its case. The defense offered no evidence. Kauffman was held for the next term of the superior court under bonds of \$5,000.

"THE LAST JUDGMENT."

Rome, April 16.—The Vatican this morning presented a spectacle unprecedented for centuries when Pope Pius X, the cardinals and other dignitaries of the church and 300 other guests assisted at the performance of the Abbe Perossi's new oratorio, "The Last Judgment." The choir, including women singers, was personally directed by the composer.

CITY NEWS.

The board of education will hold a regular mid-monthly meeting Monday evening.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney of 227 River street.

McKenzie Haskins of Easton avenue, foreman carpenter at the Scovill Manufacturing Co's plant, cut off two of the fingers of his left hand yesterday afternoon while at work. Dr. Crane rendered surgical aid.

The O'Neill property on North Main street is being made ready for the sixteen family building that will soon be erected there. The present building is all but torn down. On the corner of Hawkins and Cooke streets another large building will soon go up. The two small houses that occupy the site for it are being removed.

There is a hitch in the extradition proceedings by which Richard Bignami was to have been brought here to answer to the charge of murder, i.e. funds of one of the courts of foreigners. The state department now requires some additional affidavits before issuing the requisition on the governor of New York, and the accused man will not be brought here until next Tuesday.

Memorial services in commemoration of the deceased members of Barcelona council, Knights of Columbus, will be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, in the K. of C. hall. The program is as follows: Organ voluntary, M. Nassau; vocal solo, J. M. Daly; vocal du